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Down The Plutocracy.

The plutocracy represented by the triumvirate which is at the head of the knockers and which Truth is laboring to overthrow and confound is of much longer standing, much farther reaching and even much more baneful than people generally suppose. True its present outbreak has put it in a more conspicuous light than it ever occupied before and demonstrated more strikingly than at any time in the past its enmity to the people and determination to rule or ruin.

This plutocracy of which ex-Senator Kearns is the head, began nearly twenty years ago to control this city and state. For years it was a potent but silent factor in elections especially in the election of members of the judiciary. Senator Kearns wanted men on the bench that he could control and while he did not always succeed in getting just the men he wanted on the bench he, by the force of money frequently succeeded in preventing the nominations or the elections of the best qualified and the most honest and independent men for judges. He knew that if he had the judiciary under his baneful influence it would be a tremendous power in his hands both for his advantage in litigation, in which he was often involved and also in politics. He and a few of his friends wielded a great influence in that way for years, so much so that that the property and liberties of citizens who ventured to run counter to his wishes were not safe. He had thugs and vagabonds in his employ who were willing to appear as witnesses when he wanted them and frequently they did so. He in some cases employed men who were in the pay of the city to further his schemes in a very questionable way. His policy was to ruin all who went counter to his desires and he was never very particular as to the methods he employed. By the use of money he was elected United States senator and because the people would not stand for him a second time he followed his usual plan of punishing those who would not bend to his will. That's the only cause of all this agitation, this knocking which has been going on and injuring the state for the last two years. In his nefarious schemes he found a willing tool in the

other ex-senator Frank J. Cannon. A more disreputable pair in every sense it would be difficult to find in these United States. Cannon's reputation in Washington and with United States senators is as bad as it is at home. He has absolutely no influence with influential men at the National capital. He and his friend Dubois of Idaho have the reputation in the senate of never being true to any cause they espoused. They are despised for their double dealing, duplicity and unreliability. They are meet companions for ex-Senator Kearns. The importance to the people of this state of overthrowing this vile plutocracy is very great. It is a menace to the state.

MORE GRIEF FOR THE KNOCKERS

It must be gall and wormwood for the chief organ of the knockers to have to record the big sales of real estate that are of daily occurrence in this city; it must be awful work for Colonel Grouch to write editorials relating that trade conditions are good. But the business, is being done; the sales are being made. The close of last week was a hummer; was a hard blow to knockers. The immense transactions were such as to put an effectual quietus on "What ails this town?" No longer will there be any excuse for asking that foolish question. In addition to the beginning of work on the Western Pacific, a line that will extend from Salt Lake to San Francisco, there were some especially large transactions in realty.

On Saturday a deal was consummated by which the First Methodist church property on Third South street, just east of Main, passed into the hands of G. S. Holmes and Frank Knox. The purchase price is \$125,000. It is very probable that this piece of ground will be the site of an immense hotel. Another transaction was the purchase of the Aztec building, at the corner of First South and Broadway, by William C. Johnson, of Denver, from Edward W. Genter for \$75,000. Still another was the purchase by G. S. Holmes of two pieces of property on State street, one just across the street from the Knutsford, for \$32,000. Still

another was the buying of a piece of property across Second South from the old Presbyterian church corner by the trustees of the First Methodist church for \$15,000. All told, the real estate transactions of the day were about \$250,000.

What ails this town?

These were not all the real estate transactions of the week by any means. Counting the real estate transfers at the recorder's office in with the contracts made for deeds and it will be seen that over \$350,000 worth have changed hands since the last issue of the Anti-Knockers' edition of Truth. Oh, we are coming up.

Among the minor transactions last week were the following:

John M. Albiez, et al., to Peter Haack, et al., $2\frac{1}{2} \times 10$ rods for \$8,250; Henry Dinwoody to Edith E. D. Wright 75x165 feet for \$3,800; James W. Stevens to William G. Bradshaw $82\frac{1}{2} \times 187\frac{1}{2}$ feet, \$30,000; Peter Haack to the Utah Savings Bank & Trust company, $2\frac{1}{2} \times 10$ rods, \$4,000. Messrs. Haack and Bradshaw also purchased the Cobb property on State street for \$6,600. This is located just south of the Elks' club building.

The bank clearings of the week exceeded those of the week previous by over one million of dollars. That's going some, isn't it? Because the bank clearings are only an indication of business. Jones gives Brown a check on some bank which Brown deposits in his bank. That check goes through the clearing house. The checks that Jones and Brown cash at their own banks do not count. So that when the clearing house reports business of three millions it is safe to say the transactions of that week in the city were at least three times the amount.

Several new companies filed articles of incorporation. The Western Coal & Coke company begins business with a capital stock of \$500,000. It is going to mine coal and manufacture coke in this state. The Western Ore Separating company of Denver, which will do business in Park City, also filed articles. It has a capital stock of \$50,000. The Cramer Electric company incorporated with a capital stock of \$50,000. The Kaysville Mining company started with a capital stock of \$40,000. The Thornley Stewart Ranch company begins with a capital stock of \$25,000. Now there you have something to think over. Three millions in bank clearings; \$350,000 in real estate

transactions; \$685,000 in new incorporations. Must make the knockers tired, eh?

No wonder Frank Cannon took a hike. This overwhelming burst of prosperity must make him weak in the feet.

From all over Utah come words of good cheer. Up in Tremonton, the new town in Bear River valley, Landlord Kent has had to add a new wing to his hotel to accommodate the traveling public. The Methodists and the Baptists are building churches. One nursery company distributed a carload of trees last week. Subscriptions for a bank are being solicited and responses are generous. That's pretty good for a new town.

The Richfield Reaper reports travel excessively heavy and declares the Sevier Valley House and the Richfield hotel loaded to the guards with transients. It tells the story of the organization of a real estate exchange. It gives the acreage of beets and never was the industry in better shape than now. In fact from all over Utah the sugar industry seems to be thriving.

The Davis County Argus says there is a big boom in that section. Bankers and capitalists are investing money up there. The old sand ridge is proving to be a bonanza since they got water on it and will be a great fruit producing section.

All over the state wool men are loading and shipping the clip. The estimate made two weeks ago that the value of the clip this year would be between \$2,500,000 and \$3,000,000 is not high enough by a half million in the judgment of railroad men who have been out loading.

As far south as Panguitch came good reports. A new telephone line is to be constructed to Marysville and the farmers are punting up money freely for that purpose. When farmers invest in telephone lines it is a sign they have money.

A new hardware company, with a capital stock of \$84,000, has been formed at Vernal.

The Moab Times reports that over 250,000 pounds of wool has been hauled through that place to the railroad for shipment.

The Provo Democrat declares that the San Pedro management will construct a branch to the Utah Lake resort this summer. The place will be improved and fitted up at considerable expense.

As a matter of fact, from all over the state come reports of an increase in the volume of all kinds of business. From Coveville to Kanab, from Vernal to St. Johns, from Asays to Kanarra, from Paragonah to Johnson's Pass, everybody is happy—except the knockers.

The Independent is the Phone That Talks